

MINUTES OF BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT

April 28, 2016

A regular meeting of the Benton County Quorum Court was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Administration Building, 215 East Central Avenue, Bentonville, Arkansas, pursuant to proper call and notice.

County Judge Bob Clinard called the meeting to order.

Quorum Court Coordinator Stefanie Laputz called roll as follows:

13 JPs Present: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 JPs Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

A legal quorum was present.

The presiding officer led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pastor Nate Sweeney of Catalyst Church led the prayer.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

JP K. Harrison made motion to move "Item O" from the end of the agenda to right after public comment, seconded by JP Allen.

There being no discussion, a voice vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Motion to amend the agenda, passed.

MINUTES:

JP J. Harrison made motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016, April 12, 2016, and April 15, 2016 Quorum Court meetings as distributed, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Minutes approved as distributed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Cave Springs Mayor Travis Lee was to give a presentation and recognize the Inmate Workforce Division but arrived late to the meeting. In his absence, County Judge Bob Clinard and JP Allen thanked the inmates for the work they have done, particularly the repair of a deck at the Cave Springs mayor's office. When Mayor Lee arrived a few moments later, he spoke about the project and showed a plaque with a picture of the deck that will hang in city hall in recognition of the inmates' work on behalf of the city of Cave Springs.

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT/COUNTY PROPERTY DISPOSAL REPORT:

County Judge Bob Clinard presented the County Judge's report as follows:

- Great River Engineering is working on the rehabilitation design for the War Eagle Bridge project. They have 60% drawings for review. The project is on schedule and everything looks good.
- The Benton County Historic Courthouse interior renovations per the Walton Foundation Grant are in progress. The exterior is complete except for the landscaping.
- The Benton County Jail Expansion project is on tonight's agenda and, if approved, they are ready to begin.
- Perkowitz & Ruth/Cromwell/Dewberry are working on the needs assessment study for the Benton County Justice Facility. They are currently surveying the Circuit Judges, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Clerk, Public Defender, County Clerk and Sheriff's Office. The final report is expected in mid-May. Judge Clinard announced that JP Jones will schedule a Public Safety Committee meeting to hear this report when it is ready and forward it on to the next committee.
- The paving of the county roads leading to the new Bentonville West High School should be completed soon. They are waiting for drier weather next week to finish the work.
- Judge Clinard said that, about two or three months ago, he was at the Sheriff's Department and realized that the driveway to the Sheriff's Office on Highway 102 is too narrow. He announced that it has since been widened and a turn lane has been added to make it safer and easier to get in and out.

The April Property Disposal Report was presented to the JPs from the dashboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JP Allen reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held on April 07, 2016. He stated that the agenda was long that evening and many things were covered. He said that Administrator of General Services John Sudduth gave a presentation on the Convenience Center pilot program rollout and it seems to be coming along smoothly and successfully. He reported that several grants came before the committee. He said that the sales tax report was not good for that month, but should be better at the May meeting.

Comptroller Brenda Guenther added that they had several grants but many were approved at the special Quorum Court meeting on April 12, 2016. She reported that they have gotten all of these grants out except for one that will go out tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

JP J. Harrison made a motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Motion to suspend the rules, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Proposed Resolution Appointing a Successor to Fill the Vacancy in the Office of County Sheriff for Benton County; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-21.**

County Judge Bob Clinard administered the oath of office to Meyer Gilbert.

Sheriff Gilbert stated that he is very appreciative of the support that he has been shown. He said that he was well received at the Sheriff's Office today and is looking forward to getting started at 5:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

JP Allen took a moment to state his appreciation to the other interim Sheriff applicants.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) Proposed Ordinance Calling a Special Election on the Question of Increasing the Annual Dues of the *Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department* for Fire Protection Services; Designating the County Official Who Will Collect and Remit the Annual Dues Charged by the Department; and Prescribing Other Matters Pertaining Thereto;
Sponsor: JP J. Harrison

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed ordinance by title only.

JP J. Harrison made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Ordinance duly adopted on third and final reading and assigned **No. O-2016-10**.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (B) Proposed Resolution of the Quorum Court of Benton County, Arkansas, in Appreciation for the Service of Ron Easley, Justice of the Peace, District No. 1;
Sponsor: JP Jerry Sheridan

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Sheridan read the proposed resolution in its entirety.

JP Sheridan made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-22.**

County Judge Bob Clinard presented a plaque to Ron Easley and thanked him for his service to the County as Justice of the Peace for District No. 1.

(C) Proposed Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Duane R. Neal to the 9-1-1 Administration Board, Member-at-Large, Position No. 2; Sponsor: JP J. Harrison

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP J. Harrison made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-23.**

(D) Proposed Resolution Confirming the County Judge's Appointment of Andrea L. Dreves to the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission; Sponsor: JP J. Harrison

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP J. Harrison made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-24.**

- (E) Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Judge of Benton County to Apply for the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Grant to Help Fund Road Improvements in Benton County;
Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Slinkard.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco,
Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-25**.

- (F) Proposed Resolution Supporting an Application to the Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Grant Program for the Sheriff's Department for Bulletproof Vests;
Sponsor: JP Pat Adams

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Adams made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco,
Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-26**.

- (G) Proposed Resolution in Support of the "Protecting Workplace Advancement and Opportunity Act" (S.2707 and H.R.4773); Sponsor: JP Susan Anglin

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed resolution by title only.

JP Anglin made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Slinkard.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Resolution duly adopted and assigned **No. R-2016-27**.

- (H) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (**2016** Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0108, Non-Dept & Maintenance, Fund 4000; Sponsor: JP Pat Adams

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Adams made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-11**.

- (I) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (**2016** Benton County Budget) Creating a New Line Item, Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0400, County Sheriff, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Adams.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-12**.

- (J) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0400, County Sheriff, Fund 3029; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Sandlin.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-13**.

- (K) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0400, County Sheriff, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-14**.

- (L) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (2016 Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0108, Non-Dept & Maintenance, Fund 4000; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Slinkard.

JP Moore asked if the microbial growth project is nearly finished.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that it is not.

Administrator of General Service John Sudduth gave a brief update on the project's status.

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-15**.

- (M) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (**2016** Benton County Budget) Appropriating Additional Monies and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0414, CIP – H.E.L.P., Fund 3706;
Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-16**.

- (N) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (**2016** Benton County Budget) Authorizing a Transfer of Funds Between Categories and Line Items; Creating New Line Items and Authorizing Additional Expenditures in Department 0400, County Sheriff, and Department 0418, Jail, Fund 1000:
Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Chiocco.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-17.**

- (O) Proposed Appropriation Ordinance Amending Appropriation Ordinance No. O-2015-69 (**2016** Benton County Budget) to Amend *Schedule 1 - Revenues By Fund* to Create a New Revenue Line Item in Department 0502, Benton County Fire Services, Fund 3611, to be Named “Rocky Branch GIF Grant,” and to Appropriate Additional Monies and Authorize Additional Expenditures Therein; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

County Attorney George Spence read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to adopt, seconded by JP Slinkard.

There being no discussion, a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Appropriation ordinance duly adopted and assigned **No. O-2016-18.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that there is a schedule conflict with the Association of Arkansas Counties state convention and the August 25, 2016 Quorum Court meeting. He said that the JPs may want to consider moving it or someone else will need to chair the meeting that night.

JP Allen made motion to move the August 25, 2016 Quorum Court meeting to August 18, 2016, seconded by JP Jones.

There being no discussion, a voice vote was recorded as follows:

13 Yeas: Sheridan, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Slinkard, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers

2 Absent: Shadlow, Moehring

Motion to change the date of the August Quorum Court meeting, passed.

JP Moore announced that Campaign and Expenditure Reports are due by Monday, May 02, 2016.

JP Meyers asked the Quorum Court Coordinator to send the form to the JPs in a reminder email.

JP Anglin reminded the JPs that the Farm Bureau Dinner is May 06, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

JP Jones made motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Adams.

County Judge Bob Clinard declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena O'Brien
County Clerk

Prepared by: Stefanie Laputz